

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The present application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed February 9, 2005. Claims 1-27 are currently pending in the application. Claims 10, 13, 16 and 19 have been amended herein. Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

It is acknowledged and greatly appreciated that the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-9 and 22-27 are allowed.

It is also acknowledged that claims 19-21 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 19 has been amended to independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 19, as amended herein, is allowable. Since claims 20 and 21 depend directly or indirectly from claim 19 and contain all of the features of claim 19, it is respectfully submitted that claims 20 and 21 are also allowable.

It is acknowledged that claims 10 and 13 have been objected to as containing minor informalities. Claims 10 and 13 have been amended herein in a manner which is believed to correct said minor informalities.

Claims 16-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 16 has been amended herein in a manner which is believed will overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 16, under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, has been overcome. Since claims 17 and 18 depend directly or indirectly from claim 16, the rejection of claims 17 and 18, under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, has also been overcome.

Claims 10-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,635,893 to O'Kane. It is respectfully submitted that claim 10, as amended herein, is allowable over O'Kane.

It is respectfully submitted that O'Kane fails to teach and/or suggest amended independent claim 10. Claim 10 presently recites a nuclear camera detector housing assembly including, *inter alia*, an external housing including a multiplicity of *rigid* walls. Each wall of external housing 110 is fabricated from a *rigid*, relatively light-weight material, such as, for example, aluminum, sheet metal, plastic and the like or any combination thereof. (see Page 8, lines 5-7).

Rather, O'Kane discloses a shielded carrying bag 10 for transporting a radiation source 12. The bag 10 is of a *soft-sided*, multi-layer construction and includes a front panel 14 and a rear panel 16. (see Col. 3, lines 37-41). As shown in FIG. 2 of O'Kane, the panel portions 14, 16, 32, 34 comprise a multi-layer construction, having a first, or

outer layer 40 formed from a supporting material or *fabric*, such as a woven or nonwoven fabric, e.g., canvas, mesh, fiber-impregnated polymer materials, plastic, felt, or a padded material, such as a plastic or fabric-coated foam, or the like. The term "fabric", as used in O'Kane, was defined to encompass all such lightweight, *flexible*, *foldable materials* which may be used in the formation of a bag. It is respectfully submitted that O'Kane fails to teach and/or suggest providing an external housing including a multiplicity of *rigid* walls, as recited in claim 10.

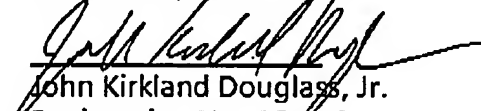
It is therefore respectfully submitted that, in view of the amendments to claim 10 and in view of the arguments presented above, that claim 10 is allowable over O'Kane. Since claims 11-15 depend, directly or indirectly, from claim 10 and contain all of the features of claim 10, for the reasons presented above for the patentability of claim 10, it is respectfully submitted that claims 11-15 are also patentable over O'Kane.

In view of the amendments made to the claims, and in view of the remarks presented above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections of the claims in the present Office Action has been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is allowable.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview may facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at the number indicated below.

An early and favorable response is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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